

National and Community Service Program Account

FY 2008 Appropriations Bill Language

Federal Funds General and Special Funds

[National and Community Service Program Operating Expenses

(Including Transfer of Funds)

[For necessary expenses for the Corporation for National and Community Service (the "Corporation") in carrying out programs, activities, and initiatives under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (the "Act") (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.), \$463,139,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That not more than \$258,959,000 of the amount provided under this heading shall be available for grants under the National Service Trust Program authorized under subtitle C of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating to activities of the AmeriCorps program), including grants to organizations operating projects under the AmeriCorps Education Awards Program (without regard to the requirements of sections 121(d) and (e), section 131(e), section 132, and sections 140(a), (d), and (e) of the Act): Provided further, That not less than \$124,720,000 of the amount provided under this heading, to remain available without fiscal year limitation, shall be transferred to the National Service Trust for educational awards authorized under subtitle D of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12601): Provided further, That in addition to amounts otherwise provided to the National Service Trust under the second proviso, the Corporation may transfer funds from the amount provided under the first proviso, to the National Service Trust authorized under subtitle D of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12601) upon determination that such transfer is necessary to support the activities of national service participants and after notice is transmitted to Congress: Provided further, That not more than \$9,029,000 shall be available for quality and innovation activities authorized under subtitle H of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12853 et seq.): Provided further, That \$4,950,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be available to carry out the orderly closure of the Civilian Community Corps authorized under subtitle E of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.), including unemployment compensation and severance payments for employees who are terminated as a result of the elimination of the Civilian Community Corps: Provided further, That in addition to the amounts provided under the previous proviso, the Corporation may transfer and use up to an additional \$3,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading or other available funds, upon determination that such funds are necessary for the orderly closure of the Civilian Community Corps, and after notice is transmitted to Congress: Provided further, That \$34,155,000 shall be available for school-based and community-based service-learning programs authorized under subtitle B of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.): Provided further, That \$3,960,000 shall be available for audits and other evaluations authorized under section 179 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12639): Provided further, That \$9,900,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be made available for the Points of Light Foundation for activities authorized under title III of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.), of which not more than \$2,500,000 may be used to support an endowment fund, the corpus of which shall remain intact and the interest income from which shall be used to support activities described in title III of the Act, provided that the Foundation may invest the corpus and income in federally insured bank savings accounts or comparable interest bearing

accounts, certificates of deposit, money market funds, mutual funds, obligations of the United States, and other market instruments and securities but not in real estate investments: Provided further, That \$4,950,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be made available to America's Promise_The Alliance for Youth, Inc.: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 501(a)(4) of the Act, of the funds provided under this heading, not more than \$12,516,000 shall be made available to provide assistance to State commissions on national and community service under section 126(a) of the Act: Provided further, That the Corporation may use up to one percent of program grant funds made available under this heading to defray its costs of conducting grant application reviews, including the use of outside peer reviewers.]

For necessary expenses for the Corporation for National and Community Service to carry out the programs, activities, and initiatives under provisions of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.) (the 1973 Act) and the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.) (the 1990 Act), \$753,648,000: Provided, That all prior year unobligated balances from the "Domestic Volunteer Service Programs, Operating Expenses" account shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation: Provided further, That up to one percent of program grant funds may be used to defray costs of conducting grant application reviews, including the use of outside peer reviewers and electronic management of the grants cycle. Of the amounts provided under this heading—

(1) \$122,521,000, to remain available until expended, to be transferred to the National Service Trust for educational awards authorized under subtitle D of title I of the 1990 Act: Provided further, That in addition to these funds, the Corporation may transfer funds from the amount provided for AmeriCorps grants under National Service Trust Program, to the National Service Trust authorized under subtitle D of title I of the 1990 Act, upon determination that such transfer is necessary to support the activities of national service participants and after notice is transmitted to the Congress;

(2) \$32,099,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, shall be for service-learning programs authorized under subtitle B of title I of the 1990 Act, of which up to \$500,000 of funds made available under part II, subtitle B, title I of the 1990 Act may be used to pay for public awareness activities to engage more school-age and higher education students in service and service-learning;

(3) \$12,000,000 shall be to provide assistance to State commissions on national and community service, under 126(a) of the 1990 Act and notwithstanding 501(a)(4) of the 1990 Act;

(4) \$12,697,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, shall be for quality and innovation activities authorized under subtitle H of title I of the 1990 Act;

(5) \$8,900,000 shall be for the Points of Light Foundation for activities authorized under title III of the 1990 Act, of which not more than \$2,500,000 may be used to support an endowment fund, the corpus of which shall remain intact and the interest income from which shall be used to support activities described in title III of the 1990 Act: Provided further, That the Foundation may invest the corpus and income in federally insured bank savings accounts or comparable interest bearing accounts, certificates of deposit, money market funds, mutual funds, obligations of the United States, and other market instruments and securities but not in real estate investments.

[Domestic Volunteer Service Programs, Operating Expenses

[For expenses necessary for the Corporation for National and Community Service to carry out the provisions of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, \$313,058,000.]

FY 2008 Language Analysis

Table 17: NCSP language analysis

Language Provision/Change	Explanation
<p><i>1. Consolidation of Accounts</i> Add: For necessary expenses for the Corporation for National and Community Service to carry out the provisions of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, and the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, \$753,648,000. Provided, That all prior year unobligated balances from the "Domestic Volunteer Service Programs, Operating Expenses" account shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation</p>	<p>The Corporation's current account structure for program funding derives from two separate statutes. Consolidation of the two accounts into a single account and aggregating appropriations within the account allows budget adjustments to be made through reprogramming, as opposed to a change in law. Salaries and Expenses and the Office of Inspector General will remain separate treasury accounts.</p> <p>A single-year period of obligational authority for all Corporation programs and activities with the exception of service-learning programs and quality and innovation activities, which receive two-year funding, and funding for the National Service Trust, which remains available until expended, reflects the Corporation's reorganization of its grant cycle in 2007 to accommodate single-year authority.</p> <p>This change in appropriations language allows for a one-time transfer of unobligated balances from the DVSA account to the consolidated account.</p>
<p><i>2. GARP addition</i> Add: and electronic management of the grants cycle</p>	<p>Expands current language that allows the Corporation to use up to one percent of program funds to defray its costs for grant application and review to include the electronic management of the full grant cycle.</p>
<p><i>3. Learn and Serve</i> (2) \$32,099,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, shall be for service-learning programs authorized under subtitle B of title I of the 1990 Act, of which up to \$500,000 of funds made available under part II, subtitle B, title I of the 1990 Act may be used to pay for public awareness activities to engage more school-age and higher education students in service and service-learning;</p>	<p>Permits the Learn and Serve program to use a portion of its program funds for purposes other than grants to further its goals. These new activities will increase public awareness of service-learning as an important educational method. Grant funding alone will not meet our goal of having 50 percent of America's schools incorporate service-learning programs by 2010. Increasing public awareness is key to achieving this target.</p>

National and Community Service Program Appropriation Summary

Table 18: Appropriation summary by program activity (dollars in thousands)

	FY 2006 Enacted ⁱ	FY 2007 Estimate ⁱⁱ	FY 2008 Request	Difference 2007-2008
Learn and Serve America	\$37,125	\$39,478	\$32,099	(7,379)
AmeriCorps*NCCC	36,730 ⁱⁱⁱ	26,949	11,620	(15,329)
AmeriCorps*State and National	264,825	333,635	255,625	(78,010)
National Service Trust	138,600	138,600	122,521	(5,730)
State Commission Administration Grants	12,516	11,772	12,000	(16,079)
AmeriCorps*VISTA	95,464	95,464	89,734	(5,730)
National Senior Service Corps	217,586	217,586	204,492	(13,094)
Partnership Grants	14,850	14,850	8,900	(5,950)
Innovation, Demonstration, and Assistance Activities	16,280	23,037	12,697 ^{iv}	(10,340)
Evaluation	3,960	5,459	3,960	(1,499)
Total	\$837,936	\$906,830	\$753,648	(\$153,182)

ⁱReflects consolidation of DVSA and NCSA into a single program account.

ⁱⁱSee technical note on page 5 regarding FY 2007 estimate.

ⁱⁱⁱIncludes \$10M in emergency supplemental funds provided in P.L. 109–234.

^{iv}Funding for America's Promise is requested within subtitle H for FY 2008.